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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St., S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: *Connect America Fund*, WC Docket No. 10-90

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On April 15, 2013, Kathleen Q. Abernathy, Executive Vice President, External Affairs, and the undersigned of Frontier Communications spoke with Michael Steffen, Legal Advisor to Chairman Genachowski via telephone. In the conversation Frontier urged the Commission to commit to the next round of Connect America Fund ("CAF") Phase I funding and rapidly develop rules in accordance with the joint proposals of Frontier and other price cap carriers.¹ Acting now will ensure that price cap carriers can quickly commence deploying broadband to thousands of unserved locations across America in 2013 while the Commission finalizes Phase II of the CAF.

Frontier's experience with the first round of CAF Phase I showed that a carrier accepting CAF funding is also committing to devoting significant amounts of its own financial, planning and labor resources. Given the size and significance of this commitment, Frontier requested the Commission to consider adding one additional year to complete the deployment of the broadband infrastructure. A four-year build time will facilitate capital planning and enable Frontier to dedicate the necessary resources to these rural unserved areas. Frontier's deployment for the 2012 round of CAF Phase I funding would proceed as planned on a three-year timeframe regardless of funds accepted in 2013.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §1.1206(b), this letter is being filed electronically with your office today.

Please feel free to contact me with any further questions.

¹ Comments of the United States Telecom Association, the Independent Telephone & Telecommunications Alliance, and the ABC Coalition, WC Docket No. 10-90 (filed January 28, 2013).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Michael Saperstein, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

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cc: Michael Steffen